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SEARCH FOR ICBM LAUNCH AREAS IN THE USSR
FROM 56 TO 60 DEGREES NORTH LATITUDE
AND 20 TO 106 DEGREES EAST LONGITUDE

This report answers a request for a more intensive search of available photography covering the area between 56 and 60 degrees north latitude and 20 and 106 degrees east longitude to reduce further the possibility of ICBM launch areas having been overlooked in previous scans. As a result of this request, [REDACTED] KEYHOLE missions from Mission [REDACTED] [REDACTED] having passes over the area of interest were searched. No additional ICBM launch areas were identified. However, this does not negate the possibility that other ICBM launch areas are deployed in the geographical band searched.

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The effectiveness of the search of some areas was reduced by photographic limitations of haze, clouds, darkness, snow cover, and poor image quality.

A positive result of the search was the initial identification of the Rakvere MRBM Launch Area. The detailed information on this area is presented in NPIC/B-39/61. 1/ The photography searched is listed, by World Aeronautical Chart (WAC) area, under References.

REFERENCES

PHOTOGRAPHY*

<u>Mission</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Frames</u>	<u>Mission</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Frames</u>
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